mald of May:

"I know her lips are As sweet-briar tips are; Her laughter's slips are Like thrushes' trills. That break in gushes Athwart the hushes, When twilight blushes

Behind the hills."

The May maiden in Richmond has be gun to array herself in white. Portice living has once more come into style, though a trifle belated this year, and that is the reason why the passer up and down the streets may now, when "twi-light blushes behind the hills," hear the laughter like "thrushes' trills." that is sues from rosy lips and join if he lists, the circle which the May malden has drawn together in her out-of-door sit-

It is a distinctively Southern habit this fashion of going outside to meet the soft May breezes and exchange confidences with friends and sweethearts. The May maiden to the north of Mason and Dix-on's line golfs, rides and drives, but airs her diaphanous robes within her draw-ing-room. The Virginia girl rejoices beyoud expression that the time for real sociability has at last set in. She sits lor with Harry, John and Richard in varying gradations at her feet, tosses back and forth the gay ball of badinage, and keeps them all in the best possible humor with themselves, with her and with the world at large.

For she is a kindly philosopher, this May maid in the white gown, with a red rose caught in the soft folds of her dark hair, and a cluster in the belt encircling tempered and light-hearted to find fault with anybody or anything, and believes her most serious mission in life is to be and to look charming. And that is the reason why all men continue to adore her.

"The Husbands' Comedy."

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It is a far cry from such an idyl as the love-story recently written by Mr. James Branch Cabell for Harper, which he called "In Ursula's Garden," and his novelett just issued in the Smart Set for June. The setting of the first story is in a period sufficiently remote from the present to invest it with the romance and the glamor which naturally gather around the golden age of England's life and history. From such an ideal portrayal to the realism of the twentieth century in American social life, the transition is as great as is the change from the dim, cool recesses of an old English garden with its moss-grown sun dial and its prim solemn yew hedges, to the broad glare of sun-light falling straight and full upon the suburban home of a Wall-Street broker, whose wife is given to week-end house parties and their attendant gayety.

"The Husbands' Comedy' is hardly a comedy pure and simple. It is an exposition of a phase of 'society which bears above all else the stamp of modernity, in that bathos saves it from tragedy, and lack of right feeling and real sentiment lays here its pitting pretences.

The knife of the surgeon cuts to heal. The pen of the novelist, akin to the knife, is the surest cure for an ovil which it holds up to public view. Mr. Cabell has stated his situations plainly, tersely and strongly, without apology. His men and women who figure in "The Husbands' Comedy" show themselves, through what they say, and do, for what they are, Being weighed with the utmost impartiality in their originator's balance, what wonder is it, if they are found wanting, even by him, when they are implied, to be in harmony with the world around them, which fosters and admires such!

The story is the story of tangled threads and mis-matched lives. The one woman making the reader's acquaintance who is undeniably womanly, is frankly supposed to be so because she is not very intelligent, and is sufficiently lacking in accumen to be easily deceived. The other female member of a quartette playing the comed

acumen to be easily deceived. The other female member of a quartette playing the comedy is merely human flotsam, thrown uppermost in the turbid swash of the American social whirlpool, for the damaging of everything within her sphere of touch or influence.

The different plane of thinking and feeling, the different estimate placed upon manheod and manilness by the code of to-day in contrast with the code of yesterday is made plain in the language which the hero of the novelette, Mr. Musgrave, employs in requesting another man, Mr. Charteris to stop making love to the flotsam—embodied as his wife. He says, incidentally to the request:

"Now you're about to make a scene, and we aren't here for that. We aren't going to tear any passions to tatters; we aren't going to rant; we are simply going to have a quiet, sensible talk. We aren't Lancelot, you know, and I'm not up to the part of Arthur, by a great deal. I'm not angry. I'm not jealous, I don't put the matter on any high moral grounds. I simply say it won't do—no, hang it, it won't do."

The interest of the story is great. Even for those who might otherwise puss the subject by, the manner of its treatment here will engage attention, and, though with limitations, enlist sympathy. A certain fine accuracy, careful grouping, easy variety of incident, infinite play of suggestiveness, the fillp of light scorn and delicate touches of humor or pathos, mark the story as the inseparable characteristics of Mr. Cabell's style. It is predestined to a wide circulation and will, without doubt add much to its author's rapidly growing reputation. rapidly growing reputation.

June Weddings,



MISS MARTHA ELIZABETH MYERS. (Sponsor at New Orleans for the Howitzers.)

that he held the position up to the time of his death. Mr. Meanley is also a grandson of the late John Jones, a prominent Richmond tobacco merchant of ante-bellum days, when he acted as buyer for the French government. He afterwards served in the same capacity for the Southern Confederacy and was one of the promoters of the Richmond Grain and Cotton Exchange in 1867. The home of Mr. Meanley's mother during her girlhood was the handsome old mansion now occupied as the Retreat for the Sick.

The wedding will be celebrated June 10th, at Miss Morrison's home, No. 13 10th, at Miss Morris. East Franklin Street.

The First Commencement.

The first commencement of the Richmond Training School for Kindergartners will take place Thursday, May 21st, in the Y, M. C. A. hall at 5 P. M.

The commencement address will be made by Mr. Talcoit Williams, the brillant editor of the Philadelphia Press, who was a noteworthy figure at the recent Conference on Education held in Richmond. Mr. W. S. Copeland will introduce the speaker, who will be the

Miss Annie B. Kirk, Miss Annie Bates Miss Alice Moneure, Miss Fannie C. Pitt-man, Miss Isabel Buchanan and Miss Estelle de Saussure,

A Garden Party.

A garden party for the benefit of Brook will be given on the lawn at No. 14 West 5 to 10 P. M. Donations of money, cake or candy are solicited from those interested in the mission, and its work and a large attendance is confidently expected. Children are specially invited from 6 to 7, when everything possible will be done

by the ladies in charge for their pleasure and amusement, Mrs. W. E. Evans, Mrs. Clayton G. Coleman, Mrs. Trueman, Mrs. Rahm, Miss Marianne Meade, Mrs. Catesby

Julia Wooldridge will be among those to welcome guests and help them to en-joy themselves. The Brook-Avenue Mission must appeal



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Striped Madras, entirely new patterns, 12½, 10, 25c.

Mercerized Damasks, in new and very effective patterns 50, 50, 75, 85c.

Mercerized Faneles, distinctively new patterns, 25, 35, 40, 50c.

Mercerized Basket Weaves, new and pretty 35, 40, 50, 75c., \$1.00.

Mercerized Oxfords, Cheviots, &c., 25, 35, 39, 50c.

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Checked Dimilies, fine, sheer and light weight, the usual 16 2-3c. kind; special, 12½c.
Dotted Swisses, embroidered dots, all size dots, the usual 40c. kind; special. 25c
French Organdies, full 2 yards, extra values, 40, 50, 65, 75c., \$1.00, \$1.25.

Persian Lawns, fine, sheer and

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P. K.'s, light, medium and heavy weights, 12½, 162-3, 25, 35, 40e.
Figured P. K.'s, new and stylish designs, 10, 25, 35, 40, 50, 60e.
French Batiste, 45 inches wide, fine, sheer and light weight, 25, 35, 40, 50e.

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Laces and Embroideries With Special. An Important Sale of Embroideries.

of Embroideries.

20,000 yards Edges, Insertions,
Beadings and Galloons of Nainsook,
Cambrie, and Swiss, in all widths, a
manufacturer's entire surplus stock
of match sets, bought as a bargain,
and to be sold at about one-third
below regular prices.
Cambrie Edges, in widths from
¼ to 12 inches, 5, 6½, 81-3, 10, 12½,
15, 20, 25 to 45c.
Nainsook Edges, in widths from
½ to 12 inches, 5 to 75c. yard.
Swiss Edges, in widths from 7 to
27 inches, 16 2-3, 20, 25, 30, 35c. to
\$3.00.

83.00.
Ribbon Embroidery Beadings, in widths from ½ to 2 inches, 10, 12½.
15, 16 2-3, 20 to 75c.
Embroidery Insertions, of Nainsook, Cambric and Swiss, ½ to 2 inches wide, 5 to 50c. yard.

Tailored Suits a Special Bargain For Monday.

About 12 of this season's newest Snits, of odd sults, from our regular stock. Prices \$12.00 to \$20.00; now

Wash Skirts.

These are made in our house, in the best and most fashionable manthe best and most tashonable man-ner. Their cut, fit and set are the very best. All cut seven-gore, full flare and trimmed with pearl but-tons. The materials are white duck, basket weaves, Madras, cheviots, Knickerbocker, Reps; also fast-black duck. Don't fail to see these. Spe-

The Wanted Wash Goods Ridiculously Low Priced.

Koechlin Freres, best Printed French Organdies, in figures and stripes. The 37½c. kind; special,

Printed Batiste, in the newest and most fashionable patterns and color-ings, 121/20.

Kircher Barter Reps, new and

stylish, all colors, 25c. Real Irish Dimities, in new and exclusive patterns and colorings,

25c.
Linen Etamines, all linen and in all the wanted colorings, 35c.

Mousseline De Soie. Silk and cotton, soft and clingy, colors pink, light blue, lavender, navy and corn. The 33c. kind; spe-

cial, 10c. yard.

Figured and Striped Mousseline de Soie, new and stylish patterns,

Silk Striped Grenadines, new and stylish, exclusive designs, 25, 48, 50, 59, 75e.

Linen Zephyr Ginghams, the ideal fabric for shirt-waist dresses. The 40e, kind, 29c.

Low Prices.

Laces.

Antique Insertings, 3 to 9 inches wide, 20, 37½, 48, 75c.

Real Cluny Insertings, 1½ to 6 inches wide, 30, 50, 85c. To \$2.25.

Irish Crochet Bands, 2 to 9 inches wide, 35, 45, 50c. to \$3.00 yard.

Paragraps, Bands, 21/ to 6 inches Paraguay Bands, 21/2 to 6 inches wide. 75c. to \$3.00 yard.

Cream Venise Medallions, \$1.00 to \$2.00 vard.

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Antique and Real Cluny Medalllions, 59, 55, 75c. each.

Val. Laces, with insertion to
match, all widths, new patterns,
50, 60, 75c. to \$6.00 piece.

45-inch All-Silk Chiffons, in white
and black, 50c.

45-inch Souve Mesh, Yele in

and black, 50c.

45-inch Square Mesh Nets, in white and black, \$1.00 yard.

Embroidered Swisses, new and stylish patterns and colorings, 50,

60, 75, 85c., \$1.00, \$1.25 to \$2.25. Silk and Linen Tissues, with colored ribbon stripes, new and pretty, The \$2.25 ones now \$1.39. Inderwear.

Jack Wear.

Ladies' Gauze Cotton Ribbed Vests, low neek and no sleeves, taped neek. The 12½c. kind; special, 10c. Ladies' Very Light Weight Gauze Cotton Vests, low neek and no sleeves, silk taped. The usual 25c. ones, 16 2-3c.

Ladies' Gauze Lisle Vests, silk taped, 95, 25, 50c.

taped, 25. 35, 50c.
Ladies' Ribbed Gauze Cotton and Liste combination, low neck, no sleeves, knee lengths, 50, 75c., \$1.00.
Children's Gauze Vests, in low neck and no sleeves and high neck and long or short sleeves, 25c.

Boys' Light Weight Ribbed Balbriggan Shirts and Drawers, strong

and lasting, 25c.
Ladies' Ribbed Lisle Drawers, knee lengths, 25, 50c.

Hosiery Thoroughly Good Specially Low Priced.

Ladies' Extra Quality Gauze Lisle
Hose, double heels, soles and toes,
absolutely fast-black, value 35c.;
special, 25c.
Ladies' Dropstitch Gauze Lisle
Hose, absolutely fast-black, double
heels, soles and toes, value 35c.;
special, 25c.
Ladies' Very Thin and Nobby
Gauze Lisle Hose, spliced seams,
double heels, soles and toes, special, 50c.

couple heels, soles and toes, spe-cial, 50c.
Ladies' Boot and Allover Lace
Lisle Hose, new and very stylish
patterns, 50, 75c.

Special Values

in Childrens Socks.

Children's Cotton Socks, light weight, in white and fast-black. The usual 25c. kind, 15c. Children's Lace Lisle Socks, new and pretty, colors white, black, pink, light blue and cardinal, 25c.

The No-Mend Stockings, for children kness, licels, soles and toes.

dren, knees, heels, soles and toes of stout Irish Linen, all sizes, 25c.

Another Week of Silk Bargains. Wanted Ones at Cut Prices.

50c. Japanese Wash Silks, of extra

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Fancy Taffeta Silks, all silk, in figures, checks and stripes, styles just suited for separate waists or shirt-waist dresses. The usual \$1.00 kind 75c. kind. 75c.

Summer Furnishings For the Home.

Extra Heavy China Matting, in new patterns, 18c.

Linen Warp Japanese Mattings, in entirely new designs. The 35c.

kind, 21c. yard.
Odd lots of Lace Curtains, 2 and 3 pairs of a kind, at greatly reduced prices.

weight, fast edges and in a good assortment of medium and dark shadings. The 75c. kind; special, 48c. vard. Satin Foulards, neat effects. Spe-

Taffeta Silks, all pure silk, heavy

cinl, 69c. 60c. Plaid Taffetas, medium and dark colors, now 39c.

Sanitary Fiber Carpets, in new and stylish patterns, 45, 55, 65c. Fiber Rugs, all sizes from 1x2 to 3x4 yards, \$1.50 to \$12.50.

Matting Rugs, 1x2 yards, 59c. 30-inch Mattings, 14c. Hammecks at money-saving prices.

Semi-Made Robes

at Cleaning up Prices.

LOT 1—Consists of all our Wash Robes of Linens, Madras, Cheviots and heavy-weave materials. Former Prices \$15.00. to \$29.50. Your choice any now \$7.98, \$10.98. \$15.38.

ed Voile, Pongee and net robes. Former prices, \$42.50, 49.50 and \$55.00.

Ridiculously Low Priced. Lot 1.—About fifteen dozen waists of nice quality sheer lawn, fifteen different styles, tucked, plaited and embroidery trimmed. Former prices, \$1.50 \$1.75, \$2.00 and \$2.50. Your pick, 95c. Special—Five styles of lawn waists, nicely made, fine tucks and nainsook embroidery, tucked back and sleeves, \$1.25. Special value in fine white muslin waists all over embroidery front, tucked back and sleeves. Special, \$1.69. Twenty-five dozen white lawn waists, box-plaited front, tucked back, fine tucked crushed collar with turn-over hemsiftching. Special, \$9c.

High Grade Wash Waists

Twenty-five dozen white lawn waists, nox-planted from, special, \$9c.

Seventy-five styles of very fine Swiss embroidery and lace, white lawn waists, very new, fresh, up-to-date and from the best makers. The following prices are about half their worth—\$4.75, \$4.95, \$2.98, \$2.95, \$2.50, \$175

\$15.38.

Lot 2. Ail our voile, pongee and net robes. Former Prices \$33.50, \$37.50 and \$39.50. Now \$24.50.

Lot 3 Consists of all our importables.

Now, \$29.50.

The above includes our entire stock of these robes.

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nished by Cowardin's orchestra. The class will reopen October 1st, in Belvidere

Postponed Till Fall.

The presentation of Gen. D. A. Weisigers' portrait to Lee Camp, which had been arranged for May 20th, has been postponed until fall. The portrait, a very fine one, has been painted by Mr. William Sheppard, and the presentation was to have been made by ex-Governor Cameron. The original programme will be adhered to, when Mrs. Weisiger returns to Richmond in the autumn.

May Day at Deep Run Hunt Club. The Deep Run Hunt Club will give its annual May-Day entertainment on Saturday, May 23rd, making practically all-day affair of it. At 1 o'clock farmers over whose land the club ride will race for a prize offered by the club and later on will be entertained at

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At 5 o'clock the entire membership of the club and its guests, limited to one invitation to each member, will be entertained at the club-house. There will be a shoot at the gun traps and a jumping contest on the lawn in front of the club enclosure. A band of music will be in attendance and an old-fashloned dance on the lawn will be held. For this event programmes in hunting colors have been provided, and it is thought that this feature will be especially enjoyable. Other amusements have been arranged by the committee for the entertainment of those present, and there is no doubt but that this May-Day will be as great a success as those that have preceded it.

The club and enclosure will be decorated with flags and streamers, as in previous years, but in addition to this the grounds will be brilliantly lighted with colored electric lights and Japanese lanterns. Supper will be served on small tables on the lawn and "Home, Sweet Home" will be played at 10 o'clock.

A May Outing.

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Through the courtesy of the Passenger and Pewer Company the children of the Belle Bryan Day Nursery, together with the scholars of the Sewing School, will enjoy an outing to Reservoir Park Tuesday, May 19th.

They will leave the building at Nineteenth and Grace Streets promptly at 2 P. M., any any contribution from the public, which will be most gratefully received, should be sent to the Kindergarten by neon of Tuesday.

The excursion will be an unusual pleasure for children whose lives are deprived of many such, and it is hoped that unfalling Richmond kindness and generosity will help to fill the picnic baskets, which will be an important feature of the occasion.



MISS MARY M. MYERS, Maid of Honor to Lee Camp's Sponsor at New Orleans. ,

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don and Shirley and admiring afresh the splendid survival of some of the finest colonial estates in America. At Brandon it was the time of the cowelips, planted by the careful hands of "Old Miss" on a lawn so beautiful that a Richmond woman in recalling its appearance this year, said: "I never saw anything more lovely in America or Europe. Not even Chantilly in France could compare with it."

It seemed fortunate that New York people should come to Virginia in Maytime. Those who made up the party leaving yesterday for home were: Miss Emma Brown, Mr. Augustus L. Revere, Mrs. Francis Watson, Mrs. M. A. Maynard, Mrs. Alfred G. Coxe, Mrs. William H. Bliss, Miss Cora Barnes, Mrs. D. W. Crane and maid, Mrs. Highty Purton, Mrs. Samuel A. Beardsley, Mrs. Caroline Poote Marsh, Mrs. Mary Hatch Willard and maid.

Pupils' flusicale.

Pupils' Musicale.

A delightful musical was given at the Woman's College Saturday by the pupils of Miss Mae Bentley. The performance

Misses Smith and Harrison

Helmund (b)......The Vow
Miss Madge Bowle.

In Song and Verse.

For the benfit of the library of the Church of the Holy Comforter, a draw-ing-room song and verse recital will take place Tuesday, May 19th, at No. 926 Park

Mrs. Henry T. Meloncy and Miss Marie Mrs. Henry T. Meloney and Miss Marie Leahy will present the programme, and tickets can be gotten from Mrs. George L. Pender, 1521 Hanover Street; Mrs. Thomas Adkins, 302 East Franklin Street; Mrs. John Tyler, 518 West Franklin Street; Mrs. W. A. Williams, 940 West Grace Street; Mrs. W. McK. Marriott, 1416 Park Avenue; Mrs. M. C. Gentry, 104 West Main Street; Miss M. P. Harris, 202 East Main; Miss Annie Ball, 822 Park Avenue.

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The Piano Club gave an Ensemble Recital last Tuesday evening, which was the final celebration of the season.

The music on this occasion was of a high order and emphasized a well-recognized fact that a number of the most artistic and devoted musicians of Richmond are among the members of those who compose the Piano Club. Members of this organization realize that the study of the great masters and modern composers of mgrit has made the past year very instructive and profitable for them. They desire to express their sense of appreciation to the vocalists, violinists and electionists who have se kindly given variety and added to the pleasure of the recitals.

Last Tuesday, after the concert, refreshments were served and conversation made the close of the evening delightful.

Masonic Home Auxiliary.

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The regular monthly meeting of the Masonic Home Auxiliary will be held in the Temple Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

The Milton Work Whist Club met Wedenesday afternoon in the parlors of the Woman's Club. The highest score north and south was made by Mrs. W. Ben, Palmer and Miss Mattle Harris. Win-

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